# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re Renewed Application Of

JUAN MARIA ALTGELT

Case No. 21-0004

**Applicant** 

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782 For Judicial Assistance in Obtaining Evidence For Use in Foreign and International Proceedings.

# STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's Order entered on March 18, 2021 [DE 3], Juan Maria Altgelt ("<u>Applicant</u>") submits this Status Report and states as follows:

- 1. This Court entered an Order on February 11, 2021 [DE 2] granting Applicant's Renewed Application Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1782 and Request for Oral Argument (the "Order"). Paragraph 4 of the Order requires that Applicant serve a copy of the authorized subpoenas on the Discovery Targets (as defined in the Order) along with a copy of the Order. [DE 2 ¶ 4.] The Order further requires that "[w]ithin 5 days after service is made, copies of the subpoena and this Court's Order must be served on counsel for Maria Isabel de Narvaez in the Argentinian proceeding by email in PDF format from Applicant's United States' Counsel and by regular mail from Applicant's Argentinian counsel."
- 2. To date, Applicant has not been able to serve the Discovery Targets with the authorized subpoenas and the Order despite his diligent efforts to do so.
- 3. Prior to filing his Renewed Application for relief pursuant to § 1782, Applicant conducted a search of public information to confirm the Discovery Targets' home address. As

described in the Renewed Application and supporting materials, the Discovery Targets are husband and wife and reside at 7763 Carlton Road, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, USA 18036. Once the Order was granted, Applicant promptly employed the services of a private process server to effectuate service of the subpoenas and the Order on the Discovery Targets at their home address. Applicant has carefully monitored the status of service and requested multiple updates from the process server.

- 4. The process server first attempted service on the Discovery Targets on February 26, 2021. According to the process server, the Discovery Targets' home is surrounded by a fence with a call box at the entrance. The process server informed the undersigned that he spoke with the Discovery Target, Allison Kaye Deutsch, via the call box and that she told the process server to "go away" and that she would not open the gate. By affidavits dated March 10, 2021, the process server confirmed that he had been turned away and that the Discovery Targets are evading service. <sup>1</sup>
- 5. Upon learning that the Discovery Targets are evading service, Applicant has researched other methods to serve the Discovery Targets in compliance with Pennsylvania law, including the use of a "stakeout" method to serve the Discovery Targets when they leave their home and service of the subpoenas and Order via the local sheriff's office in Lehigh County. Applicant has transmitted the documents to be served<sup>2</sup> and is actively working with the Lehigh County Sheriff's Office to serve the Discovery Targets as soon as possible. The Lehigh County Sheriff's Office has advised that service may take about one month due to limited staffing and delays due to COVID-19.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The referenced affidavits are attached as **Composite Exhibit "1"**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Copies of the subpoenas and the Order were delivered to the Lehigh County Sheriff's Office on the morning of March 23, 2021.

- 6. In the meantime, Applicant has continued efforts to serve the Discovery Targets with the assistance of the private process server. Specifically, Applicant asked the process server to make another service attempt last week. The process server made two additional, unsuccessful attempts to serve the Discovery Targets at their home—once on March 20, 2021 and another on March 21,2021. The process server stated that there is an intercom and camera at the gate of the Discovery Targets' home and that neither Discovery Target answered the intercom. The process server will make an additional service attempt today, March 23, 2021. As described in paragraph 8, *infra*, Applicant is prepared to submit additional status reports describing the outcomes of ongoing service attempts.
- 7. Applicant's Argentine counsel is aware of the Court's Order and its requirements and is prepared to comply with the Order as it pertains to Argentina as soon as service on the Discovery Targets is accomplished. Once the Order's service requirements are completed, Applicant will file the certification of service required by paragraph 4 of the Order.
- 8. Applicant respectfully requests that the Court allow the ongoing attempts to serve the subpoenas and Order on the Discovery Targets to continue for an additional thirty (30) days from the date of this filing. It is Applicant's hope that service will be accomplished during that period either through the private process server or with the assistance of the Lehigh County Sheriff's Office. In the interim, Applicant is prepared to file additional status reports as may be required by the Court, including the submission of a letter to the Court within the next two (2) weeks providing an update on the efforts of the process server and/or the Lehigh County Sheriff's Office, if any.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Alternatively, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to come before the Court on a motion for additional time to effect service beyond the thirty days requested here and setting forth good faith

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Dated: March 23, 2021 SHERMAN, SILVERSTEIN, KOHL, ROSE & PODOLSKY, P.A.

By: <u>s/Bruce S. Luckman</u>

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed via electronic filing using the CM/ECF system with the Clerk of the Court which sent e-mail notification of such filing to all CM/ECF participants in this case on March 23, 2021.

s/Bruce S. Luckman
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# Exhibit "1"

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(B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

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